Additional power for Goa

2856. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goa Government has sought additional power from the national grid, to meet the power shortage during the monsoon season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Supply of power plant equipments

†2857. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL and other plants, manufacturing power producing machines are capable of fulfilling the present and the future supply adequately;

(b) if so, the reasons for purchasing several central plants from foreign countries; and

(c) the policy regarding setting up BHEL or BHEL-like other industry?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) According to an assessment made by the Central Electricity Authority, the domestic capacity for manufacturing power equipments at present is not adequate to meet the requirements of the accelerated capacity addition programme. To meet the emerging requirements, there is a need for a substantial step up of world class competitive manufacturing capability in the country considering the unprecedented capacity addition programme in the coming years.

Expansion of capacity of Bharat Heavy Electricals LImited (BHEL), as-well as development of manufacturing capacity by generating Central Public Sector Undertakings, or private players alone, or through joint ventures are possible options to augment the manufacturing capacity in line with the generation capacities being planned for the Eleventh Plan and beyond. In addition, import of equipment is also permissible.

The working of BHEL is being regularly reviewed by the Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises; further, BHEL is augmenting its capacity to 10,000 MW by December, 2007 and further to 15,000 MW by December, 2009.

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